

EXCERPTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT RECORD

- 1. Public Hearing Requests Submitted by Interested Parties and Chapter 2 Rules §7.**

Becky Maddox, ME DEP
Division of Land Resource Regulation
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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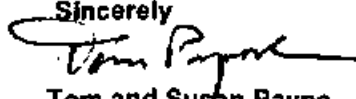
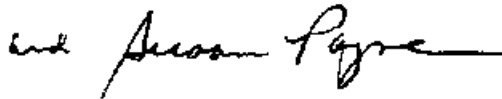
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Tom and Susan Payne DEMAND Department of Environmental Protection Hearings!

Sincerely

 and 
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Becky Maddox,
Division of Land Resource Regulation
Bureau of Land Resource Quality
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
December 10, 2008

Dear Ms. Maddox,

I am writing in regards to the Rollins Mountain wind energy project in Lincoln. I am concerned with the placement of wind towers in close proximity to so many of Lincoln's lakes. As an avid outdoorswoman and a lakefront property owner on Long Pond, I fear the impact of the turbines. From the research that I have done, adequate studies have not been completed as to the noise effect of the turbines over water.

I am also concerned that the Rollins Mountain project is being rushed through before adequate impact studies can be completed. This project has a huge impact on the area surrounding Lincoln and its lakes. The effects will be long term. Before a project of such huge magnitude is approved, I believe that there should be a public hearing.

Sincerely,


Nadia Wotton
16 Highland Avenue
Lincoln, ME 04457

DECEMBER 11

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Brenda Goodwin
684 Halftownship Road
Lincoln, Maine 04457

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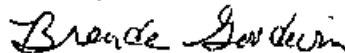
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Sincerely,



Brenda Goodwin

11/30/2008

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-----DEMAND Department of Environmental Protection Hearings!-----cut this off and
SEND the below letter to the DEP with your signature!-----send before DECEMBER 11 -----

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Sincerely

Bonnie H. Potter
Ellis J. White

To Becky Maddox.

I would like to have a hearing on
the wind farm that is going in on Pullen's
Mts. Based on numerous Environmental Concerns
one it will affect to many families around
the area, especially the Eagles that fly around
the Mts. Plus all the other birds that will
fly in to them. The Eagles are on in
danger list. The property value will
go down. It will drive the animals
away. I can see the wind farm, could
not, around were people live. There is a
lot of Mts around that is not around
here. It will be bad for the town
of Lincoln & all towns around. They will
lose on people coming in for hunting &
recreation. It is so good why are
they having trouble in England - Grubing &
that look & more high. The only ones
going from it are the landowners. Please
have a hearing. They have been in here
4 or 5 years, we only know it 3 months

Thank you

Donald A. Smith

G. Egle,
316 Pierce Webber Rd.
PO Box 406
Lincoln ME 0445

Becky Maddox
Maine DEP
Division of Land Resource Regulation
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17 State House Stn.
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USA

Russikon, 03. December 2008

Dear Mrs. Maddox

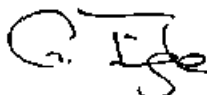
First Wind is planning to build a wind-farm on the ridges of Rollins Mountains,
Lincoln ME

As we own a camp on one of the lakes we would be very much be affected by this
project and therefore I would like a hearing based on numerous environmental
concerns:

- Noise and how it travels over water.
- Low-frequency noise and vibrations turbines of this size create.
- Sprayed herbicides and the impact on water-quality and wet-lands
- Light pollution due to flickering lights, which are multiplied by mirroring in the
lakes.
- Soil erosion due to clear-cutting and blasting.

Thank you in advance for the careful evaluation of our concerns.

Best regards



Gabriela Egle

December 6, 2008

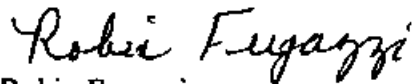
Department of Environmental Protection
Becky Maddox
17 State House Station
August, Maine 04333

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Sincerely,



Robin Fugazzi
78 Hoover Lane
Lincoln, Maine
04457
(207)794-3253

December 6, 2008

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Sandra Forrey
34 Aldrich Point Road
Lincoln, Maine 04457

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Sincerely

Shelley Rollins

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Sincerely

Caleb Washburn

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Sincerely

Mr. Harry G Washburn
Mrs Sheila & Washburn

David and Jane Theoharides
Daisy Lane – Caribou Pond
Lincoln, ME 04073

December 5, 2008

Ms. Becky Maddox
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Land Resource Regulation
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Ms. Maddox

We are writing to you in reference to the Rollins Mountain wind energy project in Lincoln. We have owned a camp on Caribou Pond for over 20 years and were surprised to learn that the town of Lincoln is considering granting a permit for the construction of wind turbines without ever notifying the local land owners that would be impacted by the project. The negative environmental impact of this project far outweighs the proposed, yet unproven benefits.

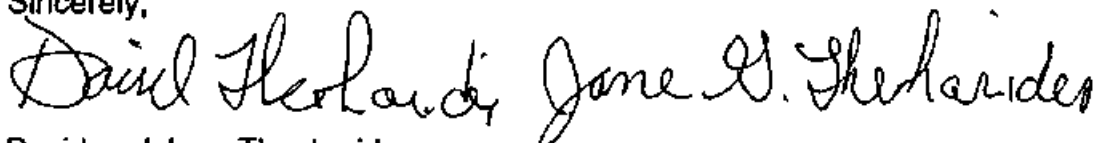
I have paddled my kayak on Caribou Pond every summer and it upsets me that both the beautiful views of the Rollins Mountain along with the constant hum of the turbines will spoil that experience. I also worry about the impact on the large loon population.

It is my understanding that DEP has a responsibility to investigate the effects of noise from the wind turbines on surrounding wildlife and human life, and should not allow this project to proceed with this important preliminary data.

I urge you to require public hearings on the potential impact – both negative and positive – before allowing this project to proceed.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Theoharides Jane A. Theoharides". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David and Jane Theoharides

To the DEP c/o Becky Maddox

I would like to request a public hearing concerning the Rollins Ridge project. The local planning board voted to accept the Firstwind application 6-1 by ignoring the codes and redefining the English language. Their blatant disregard for the health issues near windmills is appalling. This usually means there is money being pushed around under the table and behind closed doors. The Chair works for Haynes and is a real estate agent for CWA who deals with Firstwind and also owns land on Rocky Dundee, and part ownership in land leased to Firstwind. Corruption is rampant and when the Board votes something in that does not mean it is the right choice, only that the buddy system is working. The windmills are in violation before the codes are even looked at. The intro to the codes states that the purpose is to ensure that new developments blend harmoniously...there is nothing 400 foot tall windmills will ever blend in with except other 400 foot eyesores. The noise can never blend in. The PB ignored the language and approved the project. They are either corrupt or do not understand the English language, or they simply couldn't care less about the outdoors. The DEP needs to take a long hard look at their stance on windpower. Rollins Ridge will be devastated and 300 foot power lines will be cut for 8.5 miles to accommodate these inefficient expensive windmills. This is not green power by any means. It is sickening to see the horizon covered with cancerous growths erupting from the hills as the pictures clearly showed provided by Firstwind. This is prime hunting and a great place to fish or paddle and relax to enjoy nature and the sounds of the natural world without the noise of industry. There has been no action at Mars Hill to mitigate the noise complaints. Firstwind couldn't care less. They do not have to listen from their homes. An independent environmental study needs to be done concerning the noise as it travels over water. This has not been done, only computer modeling as Firstwind told me. That means the data can be adjusted to determine the outcome. ~~After computer modeling, the~~

After "in the field" tests, the

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Bethany Snow
c/o Nolette
PO Box 633
Lincoln, ME 04457

Becky Maddox, ME DEP
Division of Land Resource Regulation
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Ms Maddox,

I am writing regarding the Rollins Mountain Wind energy project.

My family owns lake front property near the proposed industrial site. There are number of human health issues associated with industrial sized turbines that have not been fully presented to the residents of the area. Most residents do not understand the risks involved, and the wind company has denied that there are issues. This company has lied to the local residents in Lincoln as well as to those in Mars Hill. I suspect that they have also lied to the DEP. They are under investigation in New York for lies (as well as for other allegations) that they have presented. How much do we really know about this company? Why is the State of Maine in such a rush? If this is a good idea now, won't it also be a good idea in a year or two? I have heard that the rush by the wind companies has much to do about government subsidies running out at the end of 2009. Does this mean that when the subsidies run out that it will no longer be a good idea? Just because this company is in a hurry doesn't mean that rushing the approval process is the right thing for the State of Maine.

This project is against local ordinances. I believe that if the State of Maine gives this project the rubber stamp, it sends the message to Lincoln that the State of Maine is OK with approving a project of the local ordinances; that the State of Maine doesn't care that codes that the town has put in place to protect the town are not really important for the State to consider. Your department is charged with protecting the people and the wildlife in this State. Don't rush into something so big, just because the governor has an agenda and the company has an agenda. This is too important.

Please hold public hearings for each of the towns that are effected. The town officials have not respected those who have come to ask questions and to provide input. It is up to you to provide integrity to this process. The residents of the State of Maine and the citizens of the Lincoln Lakes Region depend on you.

Sincerely,

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Bethany Snow

Abram Snow
c/o Nolette
PO Box 633
Lincoln, ME 04457

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17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Ms Maddox,

I am writing regarding the Rollins Mountain Wind energy project.

My family owns property near the proposed site for these turbines. The local people are alarmed and dismayed that the town officials are not considering the health and safety of the local people when it comes to this particular project. They have showed blatant disrespect of the people who have had the guts to stand up and be heard. The planning board scrutinizes small inconsequential building projects, yet they are perfectly willing to rubber stamp a project with a magnitude of which most of the locals have no idea. This is a travesty of the democratic process.

The State Department of Environmental Protection has the duty to protect the citizens and the ecology of this great State of Maine. Please stop the rush to build something of this magnitude, before we know exactly the effects that it will have. There a number of human health issues associated with industrial sized turbines that have not been fully investigated.

One primary issue is that of high and low frequency sound waves; how the two types of sound waves react to the local geology, particularly in the rocky slopes that border each affected pond, and the effect of those two separate types of sound waves over water.

Please ensure that the people and creatures are not going to be negatively impacted over the long haul.

Please hold public hearings. The more the better. It is not just Lincoln that will be effected. Each town within sound range and within sight of these turbines should have a public hearing.

Thank you,

Abram Snow

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Sincerely

Ronald C Thomas

52 Lee Rd.

Lincoln Me 04457

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Elaine Gortwin-Thomas
52 Lee Rd.
Lincoln, ME. 04457

Carl Ilvonen
221 Waterman Beach Rd
S Thomaston, ME 04858

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Augusta, ME 04333

Ms Maddox,

I am writing regarding the Rollins Mountain Wind energy project. I am also concerned that the State of Maine is disregarding the will of the local people in regards to the project.

Wind turbines are known to have real health effects on the residents that live close to the turbines. The effects on our wildlife is less known, but given the effects of low frequency sound waves on the humans in the animal kingdom, it is not a stretch that the effects would be similar on our relatives in the forests and in our lakes. Low frequency sound waves travel over 1000 miles in the ocean. It is likely that they will impact more than just humans in this area. One European study shows that a bull moose's antlers act to amplify the sounds in order to hear a cow moose from a distance. Do we know whether that amplification of sound will drive the moose from the local hills and permanently displace these animals?

This company is under investigation in New York for filing false environmental reports. Have you spoken to their agency regarding this issue? We must rely on research that First Wind (Evergreen) cannot be privy to. Every item in this application should be scrutinized before it is allowed any further projects in the State of Maine.

I respectfully request that a public hearing be held after January 1, 2009.

Sincerely,



Carl M Ilvonen

Roland Nolette
75 Gorham Rd.
Scarborough, ME 04074

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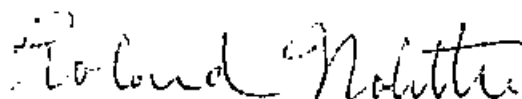
I am a lake front camp owner on Long Pond in Lincoln. I was dismayed to find out at the end of summer that the largest wind farm in New England was in the advanced planning stages for the hills at the end of our lake. It appeared to me that as a nearby property owner, I had not even been considered in terms of notification that this was even being considered for my area. And was even more stunned in light of the fact that I would be within hearing distance of these turbines.

I purchased my property for the silence that it provides me. I have done some research, and it appears that there are no actual studies that have been done in regards to the effect of sound over the lakes. And from what I can tell, what data has been performed is from the applicant itself.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roland Nolette". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial 'R'.

Roland R Nolette

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Marjorie J. Mitchell
215 Egg Pond Rd.
Lincoln, ME 04457

EgleConsulting, Bergasse 4, 8332 Russikon, Switzerland

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MAINE DEP
Division of Land Resource Regulation
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USA

Russikon, 28. November 2008/Re

Re: FirstWind Wind Farm Project in Lincoln, ME

Dear Mrs. Maddox

I have just heard that FirstWind has submitted plans to build a wind farm on the Rollins Ridges in Lincoln Maine.

As we live part time at Upper Pond, we are directly affected by such a project. Many of our concerns have not been addressed, so we are looking forward to a public hearing on this venture.

For your information some of our concerns are:

- *Noise, especially how it travels over the open water of Upper Pond
- *Light emissions (we are amateur astronomers and came here because we have very low light pollution)
- *Impact on sprayed herbicides on the water drainage.

We are looking forward to hearing from you concerning the date of the hearings.

Best regards.



Rainer Egle

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December 1, 2008

Ms. Becky Maddox, Project Manager
Division of Land Resource Regulations
Bureau of Land & Water Quality
Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Ms. Maddox:

I am a resident of Freeport and an owner of a camp on Madagascal Pond. I am writing about the Site Location Applications for Rollins Wind Power Project, proposed for Mattawamkeag, Lincoln, Lee, Winn and Burlington.

Since many of us who would be affected live far away (a large number of camp owners also live out of state) I request 2 public hearings be conducted for the Rollins Wind project, one in Lincoln and one in Augusta. Given that the project will dramatically affect the wildlife and watersheds of such a huge area, it is imperative that the public have input into the DEP review. A hearing in Augusta, in addition to one in Lincoln, would make it possible for more non-resident property owners to attend.

In order to maximize public participation, I also request that any hearings by the DEP be scheduled after January 1, 2009 and include alternate dates for re-scheduling due to inclement winter weather.

Sincerely,



Serena M. Kolb
12 Estes Drive
Freeport, ME 04032

Becky Maddox, ME DEP
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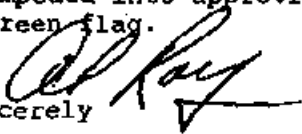
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163 Egg Pond Rd.
Caribou Pond

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December 1, 2008

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330 Sweet Rd
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Sincerely,

Karla Kenniston

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Main Rd
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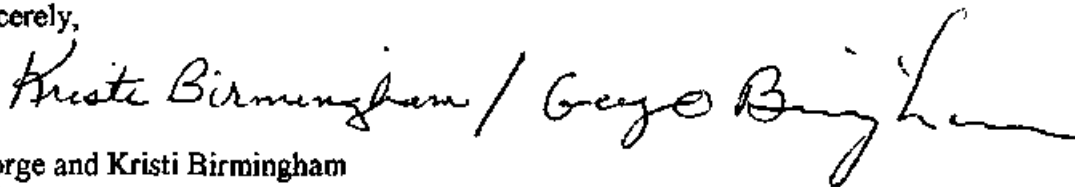
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George and Kristi Birmingham
35 Summers Way
Lincoln, ME 04457

Ms MADDOX

I AM WRITING THIS IN REFERENCE TO ROLLINS M
WIND ENERGY PROJECT IN LINCOLN.

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TURBINES, IN VIOLATION OF LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE
AND ALL WITH OUT NOTIFYING ANY PROPERTY OWNERS
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THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND DISRUPTIVE
FOR ALL TO COME CARIBOU/ECG/LONG POND/UPPER POND
NARROWS REGION - ALL LIKE.

I BELIEVE THE DRP HAS A DUTY TO INVESTIGATE
THE EFFECT OF THE NOISE FROM THE TURBINES ON
THE SURROUNDING WILDLIFE + HUMAN LIFE + NOT
ALLOW THIS PROJECT WITHOUT SUCH AN INVESTIGATION

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THERE, THEY WILL BE REGARDLESS OF TAX INCENTIVES
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THESE EFFECTS, AND NOT BE STAMPED INTO
APPROVING SOMETHING JUST BECAUSE THE COMPANY
IS GIVING A GRN PRAG

THERE ARE EGGS + OSPRAYS THAT FLY AROUND
THEM, WHAT IS THAT GOING TO DO TO THEM?

SINCERELY

DONALD SMITH

Becky Maddox, ME DEP
Division of Land Resource Regulation
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
17 State House Station
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292 Bagley mtn Rd
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November 30, 2008

Ms. Becky Maddox, Project Manager
Division of Land Resource Regulations
Bureau of Land & Water Quality
Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Ms. Maddox:

I am writing as an interested party, RE: Site Location of Development Law and Natural Resources Protection Act Applications for Rollins Wind Power Project, Mattawamkeag, Lincoln, Lee, Winn and Burlington.

I request two public hearings be conducted for the above referenced project, one in Lincoln, which is the hub for the affected towns and one in Augusta. The magnitude of the project and its potential impact on the waters of three watersheds (Mattawamkeag River, Passadumkeag River, Penobscot River) as well as impacts on at least 12 lakes and ponds and the birds and wildlife sustained within the area require public input to DEP review.

The impacted region markets itself as the "Lincoln Lakes Region". The location of the proposed project is the ridges above these lakes and ponds. There are hundreds of non-resident owners of waterfront property on these lakes who are potentially affected by the project, including me. A hearing in Augusta, in addition to one in Lincoln, will enable more non-resident property owners to attend and will be more convenient for several professionals who wish to present testimony concerning certain aspects the application.

In order to maximize public participation, I also request that any hearings by the DEP be scheduled after January 1, 2009 and include alternate dates for re-scheduling due to inclement winter weather.

Sincerely,



Bradbury D. Blake
25 Westminster Terrace
Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

Joan Goodwin
375Curtis Farm Rd.
Lincoln, Maine

Becky Maddox, ME DEP
Division of Land Resource Regulation
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
17StateHouse Station
Augusta, Me. 04333

Ms Maddox,

I am writing in regards to the Rollins ridge project in Lincoln, Lee, Winn and Burlington. Due to my research and learning of the health problems where ever turbines are placed to close to human residents , I believe the DEP must investigate this issue.

The First Wind company is rushing this project thru as fast as possible before their tax incentive expires, without any regard to the effects on human life.

It is not known also if there is any health issues that would turn up in the future from these turbines. This too should be considered in your decision . Wind turbines might be a good thing if placed far away enough from humans. There must be a far enough barrier between turbines and people.

Please let Maine be proud to be one of the areas to realize this health issue and act accordingly.

I also feel That as we now know that turbines do affect people I feel sure that animals and fish will be affected to and will leave the area.

I urge you to hold this hearing after the first of January and to postpone it in case of inclement weather.

Sincerely, *Joan Goodwin*

J. Steven Bird
815 Depot St.
Waldoboro, ME 04572

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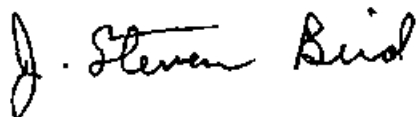
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Sincerely
J. Steven Bird
207-832-0404
207-350-5076



November 25, 2008

Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Att: Becky Maddox, Project Manager
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

RE: DEP Files #L-24402-24-A-N, #L-24402-TH-B-N and #L-24402-IW-C-N

Dear Becky,

I am listed as an "Interested Party" in the above mentioned projects. I am an interested party due to the fact that I am a waterfront property owner that will be affected by the projects.

Please consider this a request for a hearing in these matters, as I believe there are numerous environmental concerns, such as the need for an independent analysis of the effects of sound over water, snow and ice, danger to the loon, duck, bat and other wildlife population, herbicide runoff into nearby lakes, ponds and streams as well as many other issues.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Kaul", with a large, stylized "K" and a circular flourish at the end.

Rick Kaul

Lynne A. Williams, Esq.

13 Albert Meadow, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

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December 9, 2008

Cynthia Bertocci
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

BY E-MAIL AND USPS

RE: Rollins Wind Project

Dear Ms. Bertocci:

I represent The Friends of Lincoln Lakes (FOLL), based in Lincoln, Maine. The members of FOLL are residents of Lincoln and surrounding towns; some are owners of seasonal homes, and others reside year-round in the area. All have direct and substantial interests in the proceedings regarding the Rollins Wind Project. The group was formed, in part, for the purpose of opposing construction of the proposed wind farm, being developed by First Wind, LLC.

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Lynne A. Williams, Esq.

cc: Becky Maddox, DEP 🇺🇸



JOHN ELIAS BALDACCIO
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December 10, 2008

Lynne A. Williams, Esq.
13 Albert Meadow
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

RE: Rollins Wind Power / Lincoln, Lee, Winn, Burlington, and Mattawakeag
Request for Board Jurisdiction and Public Hearing

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated December 9, 2008, on behalf of the Friends of Lincoln Lake requesting that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over the applications by Evergreen Wind Power III, LLC for the Rollins Wind Power project in Lincoln, Lee, Winn, Burlington, and Mattawakeag.

Under provisions of 38 M.R.S. § 341-D(2) Permit and license applications, "the board may not assume jurisdiction over an application for an expedited wind energy development as defined in Title 35-A, section 3451, subsection 4 or for a certification pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3456." It is my understanding that the Rollins Wind Power project falls within the category of wind power projects exempt from Board jurisdiction. Therefore, the application will be processed by Department staff and decided by the Commissioner. A request for a public hearing by the Commissioner should be directed to:

David P. Littell, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0017.

If you have any questions, please call me at (207) 287-2452.

Sincerely,

Cynthia S. Bertocci, Executive Analyst
Board of Environmental Protection

cc: David P. Littell, DEP Commissioner
✓ Becky Maddox, DEP Project Manager
Terry Hanson, Board Administrative Assistant



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- D. Costs for copies must reflect the costs to the Department.** Payment must be made to the Maine Environmental Protection Fund and must be paid prior to the Commissioner releasing the copies, unless the Commissioner elects to bill the person requesting the copies.

7. Public hearings.

- A. Request for public hearing on an application.** The Department shall provide an opportunity for the applicant, or any interested agency, person or group of persons, to request a public hearing with respect to any application. A request for a public hearing on an application must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is accepted as complete for processing. The request must indicate the interest of the person filing such request and specify the reasons why a public hearing is warranted.
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NOTE: Maine law requires that a hearing be held, or opportunity for hearing be provided, with regard to the following matters:

- (1) Action to revoke, modify or suspend a license (38 M.R.S.A. Section 341-D(3)) or refusal to renew a license (5 M.R.S.A. Section 10003(1));*
- (2) Establishment of mixing zones for discharges having a waste discharge license pursuant to (38 M.R.S.A. Section 451);*
- (3) Upon the request of any person to whom an order under the Site Location of Development Law has been previously issued without a hearing. (38 M.R.S.A. Section 485-A);*
- (4) Issuance of a draft Title V air emission license (06-096 CMR 140(2)(K)(3)(f)) or granting of a variance from air emission standards (38 M.R.S.A. Section 587);*
- (5) Issuance of certain water level orders (38 M.R.S.A. Section 840);*
- (6) Approval of sanitary districts (38 M.R.S.A. Section 1101(2));*

- (7) *Establishment of commercial hazardous waste facilities (38 M.R.S.A. Section 1319-R(3));*
 - (8) *New or expanded commercial or state owned solid waste disposal facilities that accept special waste, if requested by a municipal resident or property owner (38 M.R.S.A. Section 1310-S(2)); and*
 - (9) *New mining sites, or new or expanded mine waste units for disposal of mine waste (06-096 CMR 200(22)(D)).*
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C. Conduct of public hearings. Public hearings are held in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, Chapter 375, Subchapter IV, and the Department's rules governing hearings. The Presiding Officer may determine that all or part of 06-096 CMR 30 does not apply to a public hearing conducted by the Board on an application over which it has assumed jurisdiction. Public hearings must be scheduled at the earliest possible date. When scheduling a public hearing, the Commissioner or Board shall also establish a date by which petitions for intervention must be submitted to the Department.

Nothing in this section prevents the Department from holding public informational meetings on an application. Such meetings are not subject to the procedural requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedures Act or the Department's public hearing rules. The Department shall notify the applicant and interested persons of public informational meetings and public hearings scheduled by the Department.

- 8. **Delegation.** Nothing in these rules prohibits the Board, where appropriate, from delegating authority to the Commissioner. Nor do these rules prohibit the Commissioner, where appropriate, from delegating authority to Department staff.
- 9. **Preliminary Vote.** The Board may take preliminary votes on any matter before it if the Board member making or seconding the motion requests a preliminary vote on the record. A preliminary vote has no effect and may be used by the Board to further its deliberations and formulate a resolution to any matter before it.
- 10. **Pre-application and pre-submission meetings on applications.**

A. Purpose

- (1) **Pre-application meetings.** Pre-application meetings between the applicant and the Department are an opportunity for the applicant to determine the statutory and regulatory requirements that apply to a specific project and to identify the Department staff member who will serve as Project Manager for the application. The purpose of these meetings is to identify issues, processing times, fees and the types of information and documentation necessary for the Department to



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

JOHN ELIAS BALDACCIO

GOVERNOR

DAVID P. LITTELL

COMMISSIONER

January 09, 2009

Mr. & Mrs. William & Margie Deschene
184 Bryant Ridge Road
Burlington, ME 04417

RE: Rollins Wind Power Project, DEP file #L-24402-24-A-N, #L-24402-TH-B-N & #L-24402-TH-C-N,
Evergreen Wind Power III, LLC, Lincoln, Lee, Winn, Burlington, Mattawamkeag

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Deschene:

Thank you for your letter regarding the above-referenced applications. The Natural Resource Protection Act and Site Location of Development Act applications regard what is known as the Rollins Wind Power Project, which is being proposed in the towns of Lincoln, Lee, Winn, Burlington and Mattawamkeag. As stated in the applications, Evergreen Wind Power III, LLC is requesting Department approval to construct a 60-megawatt (MW) wind power project, which will consist of approximately 8.8 miles of associated 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, 40 General Electric 1.5 MW turbines, 4 permanent meteorological towers, an electrical interconnection facility and an operations and maintenance facility. This application is currently pending and under evaluation by the Department's professional staff who will ultimately make a recommendation to me on an appropriate decision.

Your letter requests that I hold a public hearing for this proposed project. The standard for holding such a hearing is found in the Department's *Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters*, 06-096 CMR 2, which specifies that "the Department will hold public hearings in those instances where the Department determines there is credible conflicting technical information regarding a licensing criteria and it is likely that a public hearing will assist the decision-maker in understanding the evidence." Your request has been considered carefully, however, credible conflicting technical information regarding licensing criteria was not presented. As such, a public hearing is not appropriate.

However, due to public interest concerning this project, the Department will hold a public meeting, pursuant 38 M.R.S.A. § 345-A (5). The public meeting will provide all interested parties an opportunity to provide information to the Department, with that information becoming part of the record concerning this project and ask questions to Department staff. The public meeting is scheduled on February 11, 2009, 6-9 pm, at the Mattanawcook Academy Cafeteria in Lincoln, Maine. In addition to this letter the public meeting will be advertised in the public notice section of the Bangor Daily News.

The Department looks forward to your participation in the public meeting, and welcomes and will consider all comments received during the review of pending applications.

If you have further questions, please contact the project manager, Becky Maddox at 287-7780 or via e-mail at becky.maddox@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

David P. Littell
Commissioner

AUGUSTA cc: Becky Maddox, DEP

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RE: Rollins Wind Power Project, DEP file #L-24402-24-A-N, #L-24402-TH-B-N & #L-24402-TH-C-N, Evergreen Wind Power III, LLC, Lincoln, Lee, Winn, Burlington, Mattawamkeag

Dear Margie & William Deschene,

As you are aware, the Department has scheduled a public meeting regarding the proposed Rollins Wind Project on February 11, 2009, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln. The purpose of this meeting is to provide all interested parties an opportunity to provide information to the Department, with that information becoming part of the record concerning this project.

The public meeting will be audio recorded and be conducted in the following format:

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| 1. Introduction (5 min)
(public meeting rules and procedures) | Facilitator |
| 2. Project overview (15min) | Applicant Representative |
| 3. DEP permit review process (15 min) | DEP, Project Manager |
| 4. Public comment period (2 hr 20 min) | |
| 5. Closing (5 min) | Facilitator |

Public Meeting Ground Rules:

1. Every effort will be made to allow each interested party an opportunity to speak within the allocated time period. As such, it may be necessary to limit the amount of time each individual has available to speak so we ask in advance for your understanding in this area.
2. All questions and comments should be directed to the Department. If you have questions that you believe the applicant failed to address or that they should address in more detail in their application, please make the request to the Department.

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